

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 36 (Canceled)

37. (New) A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:

an external interface to connect with an external recording medium having a content recorded thereon;

a recording unit that records the content read from the external recording medium connected to the external interface, and a processing unit that reproduces or executes the recorded content;

wherein the processing unit has an installation processing unit that installs the content recorded in the external recording medium together with specified management information into a certain area of the recording unit;

wherein the processing unit instructs the installation processing unit to install based on an installation instruction from the content reproduced or executed by the processing unit; and

wherein the installation process to the certain area of the recording unit cannot be executed by other than the installation processing unit.

38. (New) A file accessing method for accessing content configuration files with the use of a recording and reproducing apparatus including an external interface to connect an external recording medium having a content recorded thereon, a recording unit that records the content read from the external recording medium connected to the external interface, and a processing unit that reproduces or executes the recorded content, said file accessing method comprising the step(s) of:

the processing unit instructing an installation processing unit provided therein to install a content recorded in the external recording medium together with specified management

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information into a certain area of the recording unit based on an installation instruction from the content reproduced or executed by the processing unit, and

wherein the installation process to the certain area of the recording unit cannot be executed by other than the installation processing unit.

39. (New) A content recording medium having a record of a content thereon including the installation instruction to be supplied to the recording and reproducing apparatus of claim 37.

40. (New) A computer program for causing a computer to execute the file accessing method of claim 38.